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SUMMARY: AP, UPI, REUTERS EX TORREJON REPORT ON HAK'S MEETING WITH CORTINA. ALL COMMENT ON HAK'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT, ESPECIALLY LINE "THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME THAT ONE CAN GO ON THESE MISSIONS WITH AN AMERICA THAT IS AT PEACE WITH ITSELF." GWERTZMAN, NYT, AND KEATLEY, WSJ, HAVE CURTAIN RAISERS. END SUMMARY

- 1. WIRES. ALL CARRY STRAIGHT COVERAGE OF DEPARTURE FROM ANDREWS AND MEETING WITH CORTINA. REUTERS, ATTRIBUTING TO SENIOR OFFICIAL ON PLANE, STATES THAT HAK FEELS HE HAS A GOOD CHANCE TO GET THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS STARTED, THOUGH SENIOR OFFICIAL COULD GIVE NO CLEAR IDEA OF WHICH OF DISPUTED AREAS MIGHT PROVIDE THE LIKELIEST NEXT STAGE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. SCHWEID STATES HAK WILL TEST ENTHUSIASM FOR ANOTHER SINAI WITHDRAWAL WHILE LINKING IT TO OVERALL PEACE SETTLEMENT.
- 2. NEW YORK TIMES, PAGE THREE. GWERTZMAN STATES THAT HAK'S UNCLASSIFIED

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TRIP TO ME COMES AT A TIME OF MOUNTING CONCERN THAT IF THERE

IS NOT FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACE, THE RISK OF ANOTHER WAR WILL INCREASE. THE MOST LIKELY NEXT PHASE

APPEARS TO BE A "SECOND STAGE" ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON THE SINAI, THOUGH HAK'S REMARK AT PRESS CONFERENCE --"PROGRESS IN ONE AREA WOULD HAVE TO BE LINKED TO WITH PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS" -- IS SEEN AS AN INDICATION THAT JORDANIAN-ISRAELI TALKS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE EITHER SIMULTANEOUSLY OR SOON THEREAFTER. GWERTZMAN SAYS THAT THE QUESTIONS OF WHERE AND WHEN THE NEXT ROUND TALKS SHOULD BE HELD IS COMPLICATED BY THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE, ESPECIALLY JORDAN'S BOYCOTT OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AS LONG AS THE PLO IS RECOGNIZED BY EGYPT AND SYRIA. GWERTZMAN SAYS TWO OPTIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED: (1) THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL COMING TO WASHINGTON, HAK AS MEDIATOR OR (2) TALKS IN GENEVA WITHOUT A FULL RECONVENING OF THE CONFERENCE. TANNER, IN COMPANION PEACE TO GWERTZMAN'S ARTICLE, DESCRIBES EGYPT'S MORE SOBER, LESS EXUBERANT VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE EVE OF HAK'S ARRIVAL.

3. WALL STREET JOURNAL, LAST PAGE, KEATLEY, IN LENGTHY FIVE COLUMN ANALYSIS. LEADS THAT HAK HAS STATED PURPOSE

OF TRIP IS TO DETERMINE "THE MOST SUITABLE NEXT PHASE" OF THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BUT ADDS "IN PLAINER ENGLISH, HE MEANS HE HOPES TO PREVENT WAR, FINANCIAL PANIC AND ANOTHER OIL EMBARGO." THIS IS WHAT GIVES PARTICULAR URGENCY TO HAK'S MISSION. HE ADDS THAT THE COMMON ESTIMATE IS SOME WAY WILL BE FOUND TO AVOID THESE CALAMITIES, BUT IF IT ISN'T IT WILL BE FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN LAST OCTOBER. KEATLEY STATES THAT HAK ISN'T SEEKING ANY FIRM OR STARTLING AGREEMENTS BUT HE DOES WANT AGREE-MENT ON THE PATTERN FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS. HE STATES AFTER A DESCRIPTION OF THE "FIRST-CLASS PROBLEM" OF THE WEST BANK THAT "COMMON GUESSES ARE THAT MR. KISSINGER WILL SEEK, AS THE NEXT STAGE, MORE SINAI TALKS, COUPLED WITH A FIRM COMMITMENT TO BEGIN WEST BANK NEGOTIATIONS SOON -- AND A VAGUE PROMISE TO GET THE PALESTINIANS INVOLVED DIRECTLY BEFORE LONG."

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